

**Minutes of Birchanger Parish Council meeting
held on Tuesday 7th April 2015 at 8pm.
in Birchanger Village Hall**

Present: Angie Driscoll – Chair (AD)
Elizabeth Godwin (EG)
Matt Zych (MZ)
Michelle May (MM)
Maria Davy (MD)
Linda Pocklington (LP)
Ken Wheatley (KW)
Alex Stewart (AS)

Keith Williams (Parish Clerk)
1 member of the public

110. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

111. Apologies and Reason for Absence

There were apologies from Sandy Dowle, who is on holiday.

112. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

113. Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

Members of the public made no representation to the council.

114. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd March, 2015 were agreed as a true and accurate record with no amendments.

115. Recreation Ground Working Group/Allotments – Glebeland

LP had circulated her main report prior to the meeting. (See report attached).

AS said that David Debnam had quoted to paint the relevant areas of the Recreation Ground with normal paint. It was agreed however that anti-graffiti paint should be used and that this would be in addition to the original quote.

116. Highways

AS asked about the installation of rumble strips. AD will write to Rissa Long (RL) at Highways to enquire.

AD had received details of the proposed footpath around the Churton estate. RL had advised that she will have to investigate who owns the land before work can proceed.

117. Planning

UTT/15/0767/HHF-226 Birchanger Lane. MD provided details of the proposed extension. No comments to be recorded.

118. Finance

- a. **Account Balances** – as previously circulated
- b. **Invoices and Standing Orders** for payment - as per schedule previously circulated

A payment of £585.00 was agreed to Jay Leavers for planting of the trees at the Recreation Ground. His invoice is awaited.

Re: change of HSBC mandate, MM and the Clerk had submitted their respective forms to HSBC and awaited confirmation that they were now accepted as signatories.

The NatWest account will be closed as soon as possible.

119. Issues raised at the Annual Parish Meeting

- a. A litter pick has been agreed for Sunday 26th April at 11.00am, meeting outside the Village Hall.
- b. AD has contacted the Highway Rangers regarding the patch of land opposite 213 Birchanger Lane, and they will be sending an inspector to confirm who is responsible for the upkeep.
- c. AD has emailed RL about signage for the road alongside 209 Birchanger Lane to make drivers aware that it is a single-carriageway with no opportunity to turn round.
- d. AD has emailed RL about signage for the bend at Bradley Common, having pointed out that there had been three recent accidents in this vicinity.

120. Change of date for the May Parish Council Meeting

The date agreed to be Tuesday 12th May and the Parish Clerk will contact Trudy Revell to confirm that the date is available.

121. Closure of meeting

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting closed at 20.46 pm. The next Council Meeting will be at 8pm on Tuesday 12th May 2015 in the village hall.